

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois

HAND HELD PERSONAL READER DEVICE
SPECIAL NEEDS
DALEY COLLEGE
(RATIFICATION)

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that there is a need to purchase fifteen (15) hand held Kurzweil-National Federation of the Blind Personal Readers devices for special needs students at Daley College; and

that in order to receive the merchandise by June 30, 2007 pre-approval from the Board Chairman was requested and approved for the issuance of a purchase order to E.M. VITU, Inc.; and

that the Kurzweil reader device has technology that scans and reads printed material to the blind and has character recognition software together with text-to-speech conversion technology, all in the palm of your hand; and

that the devices are available from the E.M. VITU, Inc, the sole distributor assigned by the manufacturer, Kurzweil Technologies, to cover Northern Illinois for the reader devices; and

that staff recommends approval to purchase the Kurzweil reader devices through E.M VITU, Inc. at unit cost of \$3,495.00 each, for total cost of \$52,425.00 for the fifteen(15) hand held devices for special needs students at Daley College; and

that this sole source purchase is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced reader device purchase order and has determined that since this is a sole source entity and there are no opportunities for MBE or WBE subcontracting, it is recommended that E.M. VITU, Inc. be granted a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees ratifies the Chairman's pre-approval to issue a purchase to E.M VITU, Inc., in the amount of \$52,425.00 to purchase Kurzweil –National Federation of the Blind Personal Readers Devices for special needs students at Daley College.

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\$52,425.00-Education Fund-00003 6060200 10001 00000 0000000 541200

Respectfully submitted:

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